Highway No. *2* is the main source of entry to the eastern States. It is a fact that the condition of, this highway has deteriorated recently in certain stretches.

(c) This is due to a combination of reasons. The maintenance and re pairs could not be attended to due to prolonged strike by the State En gineers. There is also slow progress in the execution of sanctioned works.

(d) Repairs are being taken , up urgently as the engineers' strike has ended. During the last three years. 1988-89 to 1990-91, improvement works in 115 kms costing Rs. 1591 lakhs were sanctioned for this Nation al Highway. With the completion of these works, the condition of the road is expected to improve.

**Bilateral arrangements for operation of air service**

320. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of *GIVIL* AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of the countries with which India have bilateral arrangements for the operation of air services;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some cases Air India is not able to run as many services as the airlines of other countries for want of aircraft; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL>AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA-)': (a) India has bilateral arrangements with 62 countries (list an statement) for the operation of air serivees. (See below).

(b) and (c) The operations' of Air India are planned on .commercial considerations.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of Country | Sl. No. | Name of Country |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Afghanistan | 2 | Australia |
| 3 | Austria | 4 | Baharain |
| 5 | Bangladesh | 6 | Belgium |
| 7 | Bhutan | 8 | Bulgaria |
| 9 | Burma | 10 | Canada |
| 11 | China | 12 | Czechoslova |
| 13 | Egypt | 14 | Ethiopia |
| 15 | F.R.G. | 16 | France |
| 17 | Fiji | 18 | Ghana |
| 19 | Hungary | 20 | Indonesia |
| 21 | Iran | 22 | Iraq |
| 23 | Ireland | 24 | Italy |
| 25 | Japan | 26 | Jordan |

| Sl. No. | Name of Country | Sl. No. | Name of Country |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | Kenya | 28 | Korea (South) |
| 29 | Kuwait | 30 | Lebanon |
| 31 | Lesotho | 32 | Malaysia |
| 33 | Maldives | 34 | Mauritius |
| 35 | Nepal | 36 | Netherlands |
| 37 | Nigeria | 38 | Oman |
| 39 | Pakistan | 40 | Philippines |
| 41 | Poland | 42 | Qatar |
| 43 | Romania | 44 | Saudi Arabia |
| 45 | Sweden | 46 | Seychelles |
| 47 | Singapore | 48 | Spain |
| 49 | Sri Lanka | 50 | Switzerland |
| 51 | Syria | 52 | Tanzania |
| 53 | Thailand | 54 | Turkey |
| 55 | U.A.E. | 56 | United Kingdom |
| 57 | U.S.A. | 58 | U.S.S.R. |
| 59 | Yemen Arab Republic | 60 | Yemen Peoples Democratic Republic |
| 61 | Yugoslavia | 62 | Zambua, |

**International Airport in Bangalore**

321. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI J. P. JAVALI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of his Ministry has conducted spot inspection for setting up of an international airport near Bangalore;

(b) if so, what is the latest position in this regard;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to upgrade Bangalore airport into an international airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up an International Airport near Bangalore. However, a Committee has been set up to identify an alternative airport near Bangalore. The Committee is expected to submit its report by December, 1991.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.